



Historical Company Towns of Clatsop County



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Captain John West and wife Margaret



Bradley-Woodard Lumber Co. Bradwood, Oregon

Big Creek Logging Co.

Knappa, Oregon









The Westport Logging Company

Westport, Oregon

 ${\bf Columbia \hbox{-} Hudson\ Lumber\ Co.}$

Bradwood, Oregon

SHEPARD & MORSE LUMBER COMPANY.
WESTPORT DIVISION.
WESTPORT - OREGON





GENERAL MERCHANDISE
WESTPORT, OREGON





CROSSETT WESTERN COMPANY MANUFACTURED OF BOUGLAS FIR 259 WESTERN HESTLOCK

DOUGLAS FIR 25 WESTERN HESTLOCK
CROSSETT-WATER COTES HOUSTRIES
CHINAL STREET COTES HOUSTRIES
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DEEP RIVER TIMBER COMPANY

W. T. Evenson, Treasurer, Clatskanie, Oregon.

DEEP RIVER, WASHINGTON

WOLMANIZED LUMBER

PRESSURE PROCESSED FOR PROTECTION DEFENSE AGAINST TERMITES AND DECAY CLEAN, ODORLESS, NON-LEACHABLE, NON-CORROSIVE

CROSSETT-WATZEK-GATES

CHICAGO INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Columbia Valley Lumber Company

Wauna, Oregon

AMERICAN LUMBER & TREATING CO.

332 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE . CHICAGO

A Wauna Timeline

1910

A. W. Clark and J. B. Robinson form the Columbia Valley Lumber Company and commence construction of the sawmill and supporting company town at Wauna.

1911

In January, James Pollock is appointed the first Wauna postmaster, followed by A. W. Clark in September.

1912

The Big Creek Logging Company is formed to conduct logging operations in Clatsop County for Crossett Timber.

In October, the Crossett Timber Company purchases for \$80,000 the sawmill and town site at Wauna owned by the Columbia Valley Lumber Company.

1936

Crossett Western enters into a franchise agreement with the American Lumber and Treating Corporation of Chicago to operate a "Wolmanizing" lumber-treating operation at Wauna.

1941

The Wauna Lumber Company is formed by Willard T., Clarence R., Franklin F., and Justin C. Evenson, Norton and R. A. Cowden, C. L. Koster, and Orville R. Miller. It purchases the company town of Wauna and the Crossett Western Lumber Company sawmill for \$150,000.

1942

The Big Creek Logging Company shuts operations down and sells equipment for scrap.

1944

The Army-Navy "E" Pennant for outstanding contribution to the war effort is presented to Willard T. Evenson, president of the Wauna Lumber Company.

1958

On June 26th, the last log was processed into lumber by the Wauna Lumber Company, and the mill was closed. The industrial site of Wauna was put up for sale.

1962

The Crown Zellerbach Corporation purchases the 1,200-acre site to construct a pulp and paper plant.

Wauna Post Office

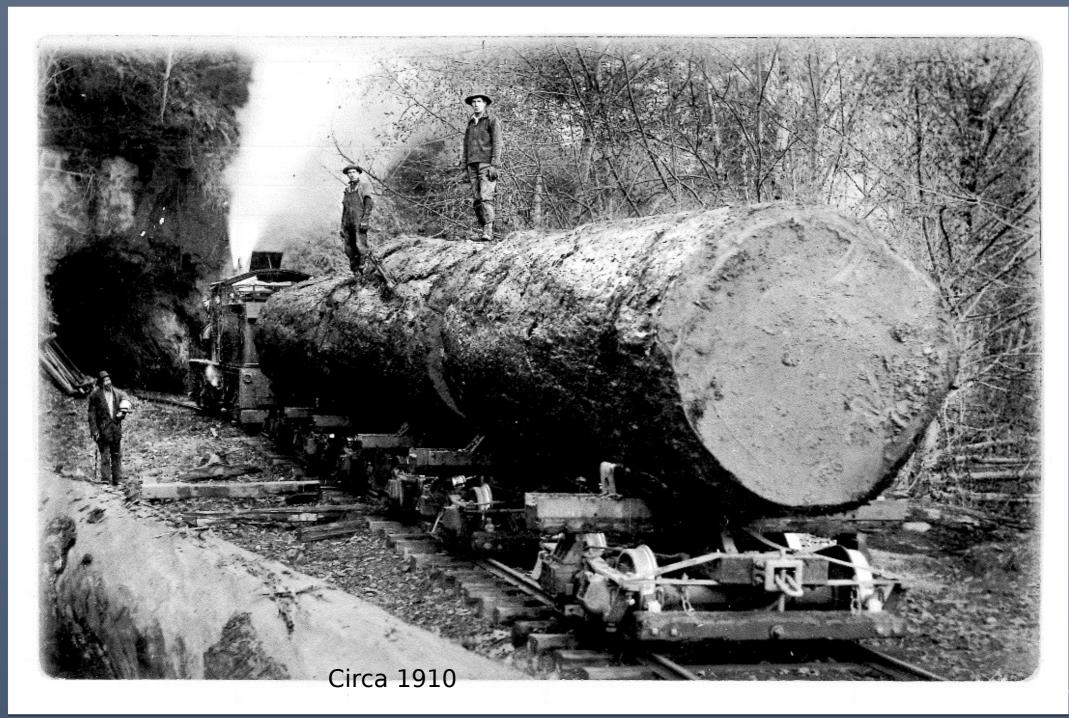
Postmaster/Postmistress	Date of Appointment
James L. Pollock	January 21, 1911 (1963 5 PM) 50.8403TAGE
Alfred W. Clark	September 30, 1911
Charles Harlan Watzek	January 25, 1913 – retired July 1, 1932
Charles Harlan Watzek	October 11, 1932
William C. Sorsby	September 21, 1934
Gerald E. Wright, acting	July 1, 1942
Gerald E. Wright	September 1, 1943 – military duty July 11, 1944
Mrs. Celia W. Smith, acting	September 16, 1944 regular p.m. resigned while in service
Mrs. Celia W. Smith	August 1, 1948 – resigned June 21, 1963
Discontinued mail to Clatskanie	June 21, 1963



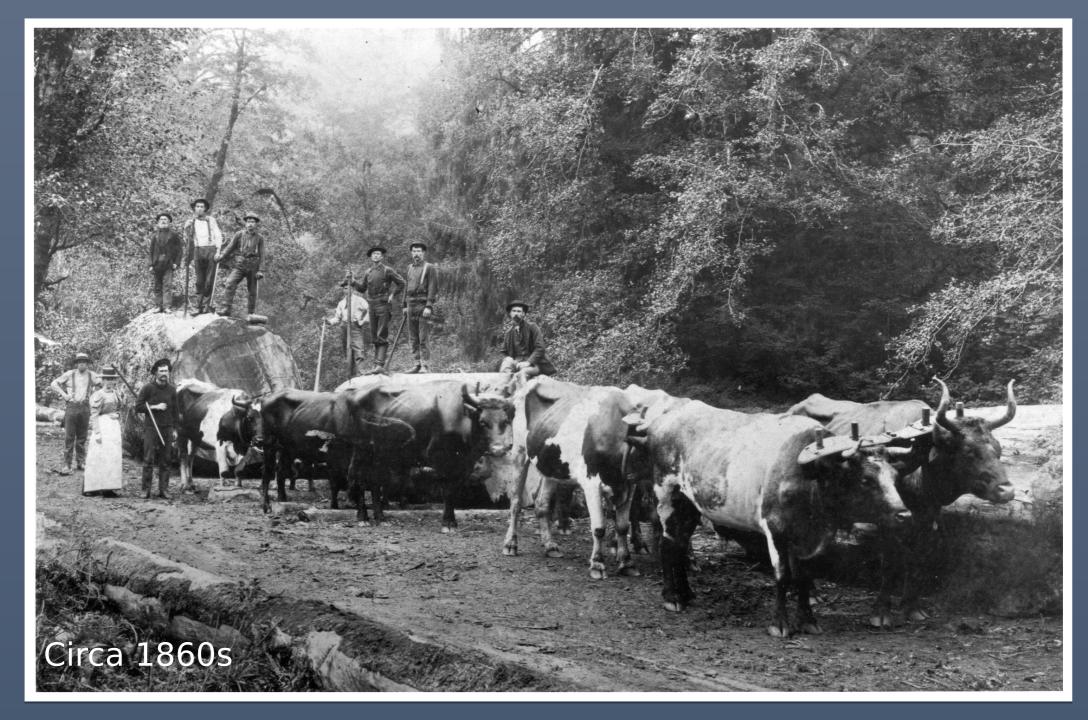
Longest continuous sawmilling location in Oregon history 1852-1972- 120 years
Only logging tunnel built for skid road for oxen in the U.S.
First Salmon packer/cannery in the state of Oregon
First American shipment of finished lumber to Australia
Oldest American salmon canning brand still in existence today

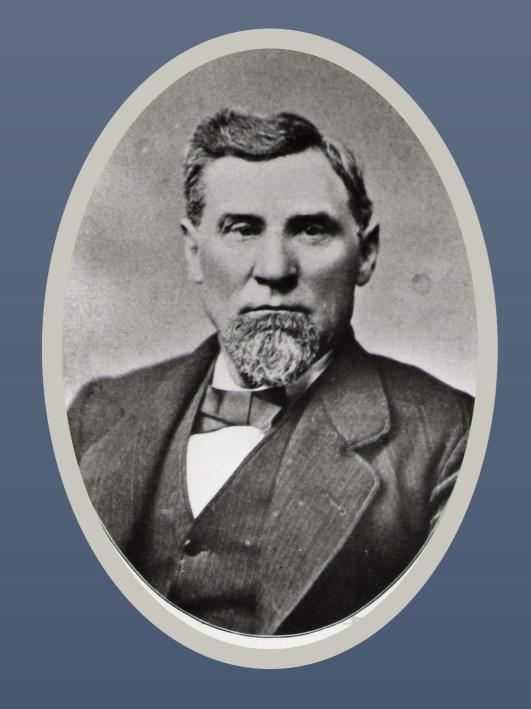














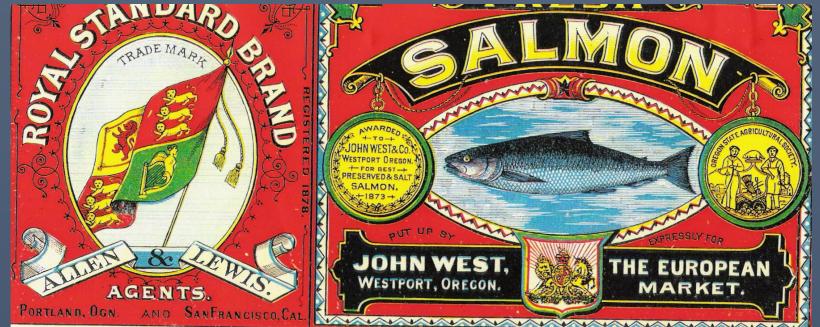




Brand name sold to Pelling and Stanley Liverpool

Farthing /5k

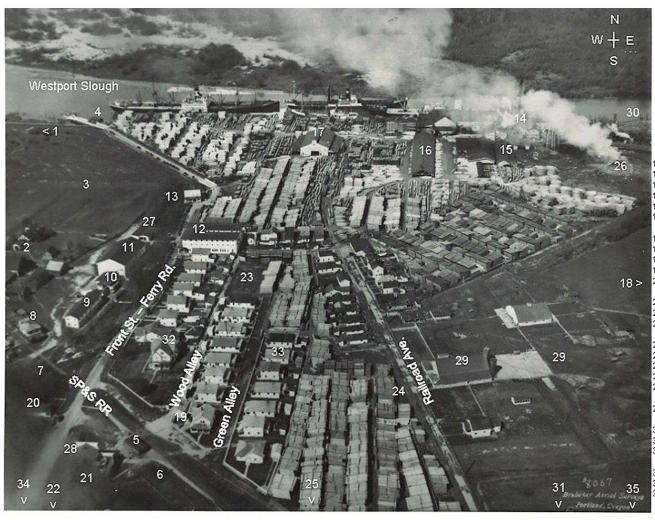








ister- 70 room hotel-white hse. picket fences-wood alley- wood shed/steam heat-doctors office, b�rn pile Ja



Westport, Oregon

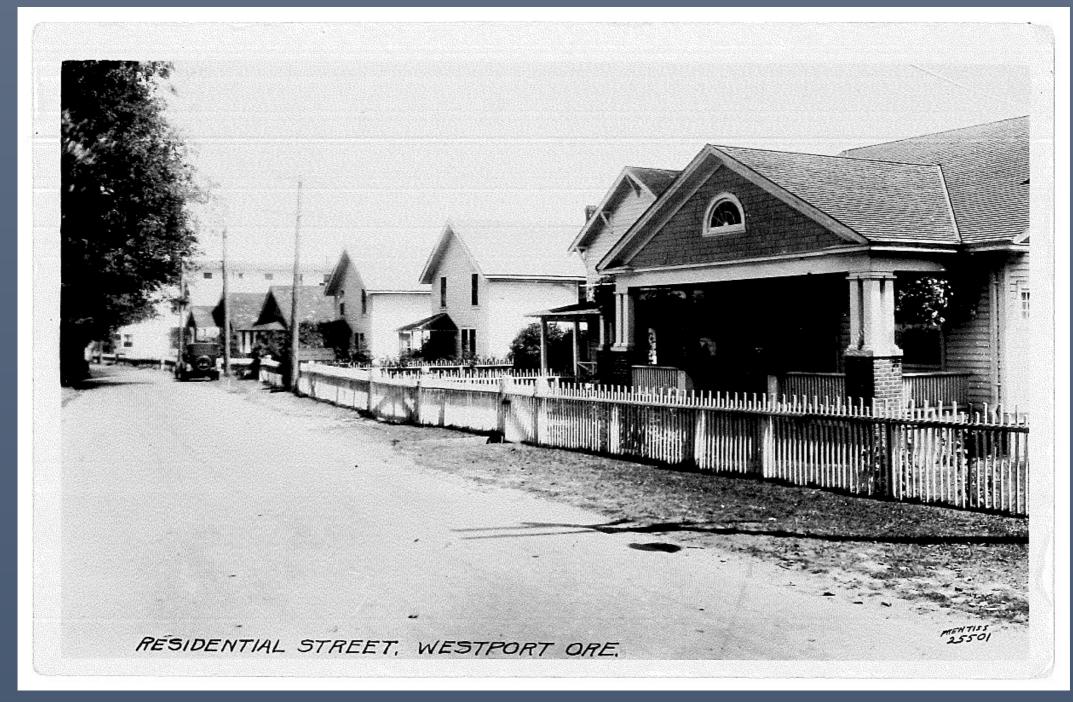
<u>Legend</u> Brubaker Aerial: 1925

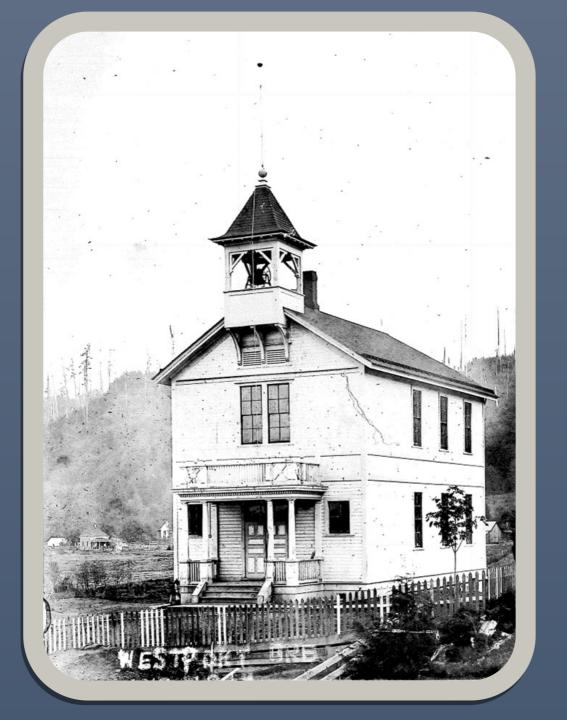
- 1. Wood walkway to Greek Camp
- 2. McMath farmhouse
- 3. McMath farm
- 4. Ferry landing
- 5. SP&S depot
- 6. SP&S water tower
- 7. Speeder & section gang qrts.
- 8. Section gang mgr. house
- 9. Mill manager's house & VIP Apartments (org. bunkhouse)
- 10. Laundry & dry cleaners
- 11. Four-L Hall
- 12. Hotel
- 13. Mill office
- 14. Head rig & boiler house 15. Millwright's shop & planning mill
- 16. Green chain
- 17. Drying Sheds 18. John West house & farm
- 19. Doctor's office
- 18 > 20. Café, beauty shop, barber, bus stop, and gift shop
 - 21. Electrical shop & shoe repair
 - 22. Gas station & auto repair
 - 23. Tennis courts & wading pool
 - 24. Boxcar loading dock
 - 25. Library
 - 26. Burn pile
 - 27. Automobile garages
 - 28. Company store, butcher shop, postoffice, apartments
 - 29. Farm: West, Convell, Bandeen, then Condit
 - 30. Jap. Camp

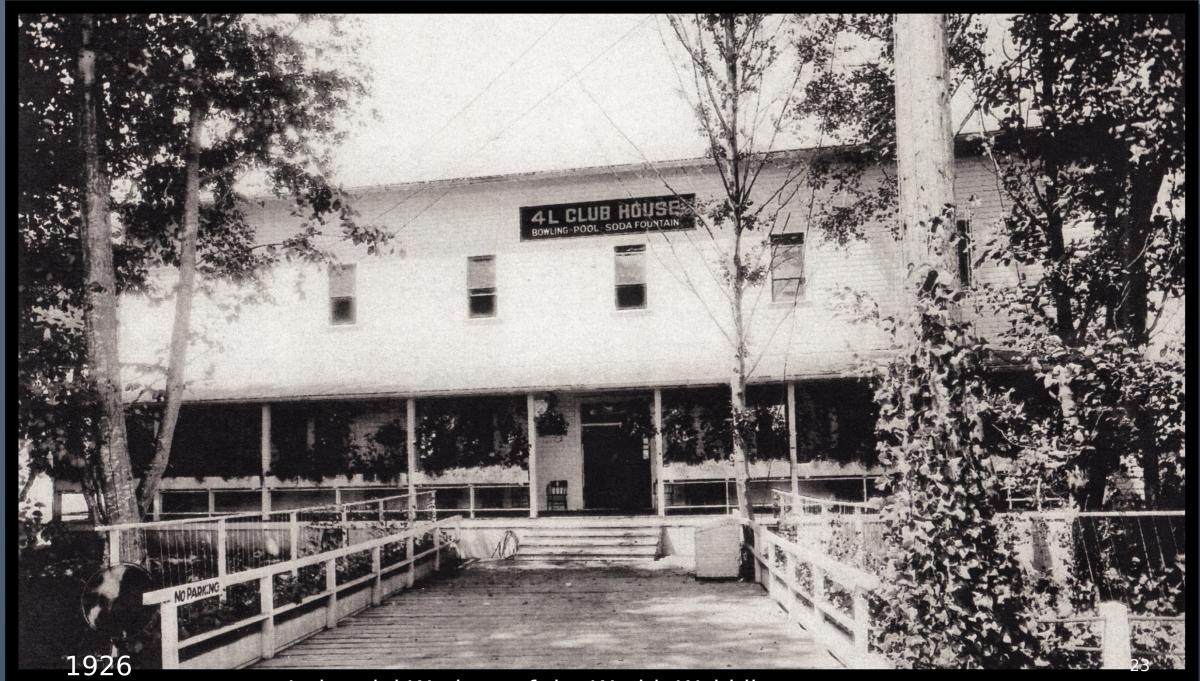
 - 31. Barhan Store 32. "White House" (early mill
 - manager & apartments)
 - 33. Parsonage
 - 34. Westport Theatre
 - 35. Logging tunnel



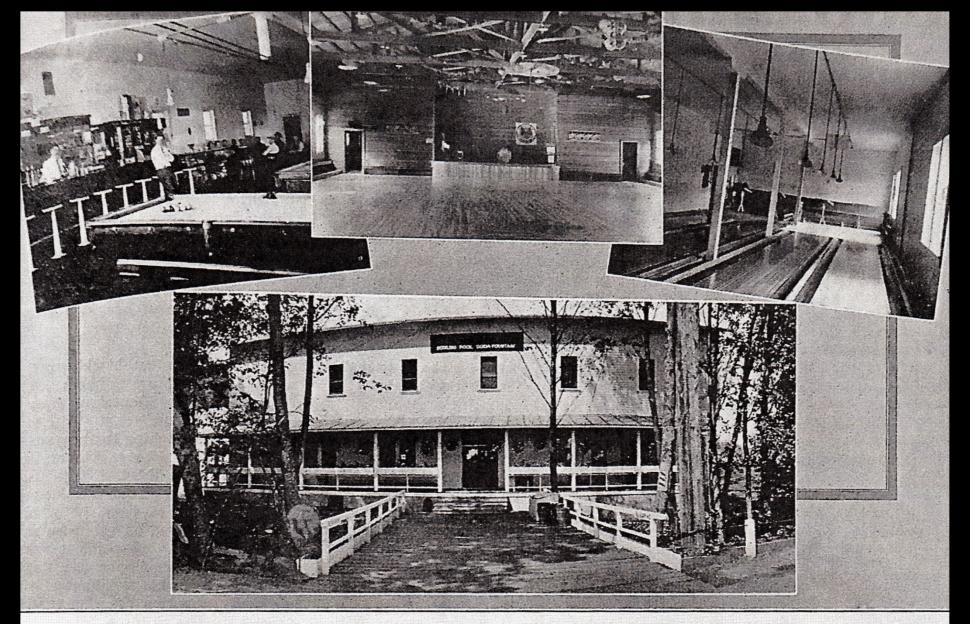








Industrial Workers of the World- Wobblies



Center: Front view of 4L Club House, Westport. Ore. Left: Soda fountain, pool and card room. Center: Dance hall, 55x70-foot maple floor. Right: Bowling alleys.



1916- 70 rooms







1919
Thanksgiving dinner hosted by 4L in hotel dinning room



August 1916

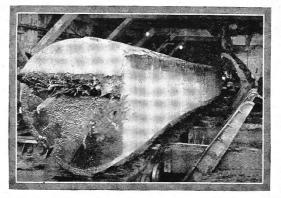
(many mills and logging operators on the Lower Columbia had baseball and basketball teams)



Baseball Team of Big Creek Logging Co., Knappa, Ore.







A 32' Douglas Fir log, 5' in diameter on the sawmill carriage being trimmed down to specifications.

We Know How to Saw Big Timbers

to meet the requirements of Eastern buyers for railroads and industrial plants. We have catered to this class of trade for a long time and have therefore completely equipped our mill to saw

DOUGLAS FIR

Intimate acquaintance with buyers' needs insures you better values on future orders.

Timbers

any size up to 110 feet long; or handle orders where timbers up to 24"x 30" must be surfaced.

In addition to big timbers, we also manufacture some high grade Douglas Fir lumber and lath for dealers.

The Westport Lumber Company

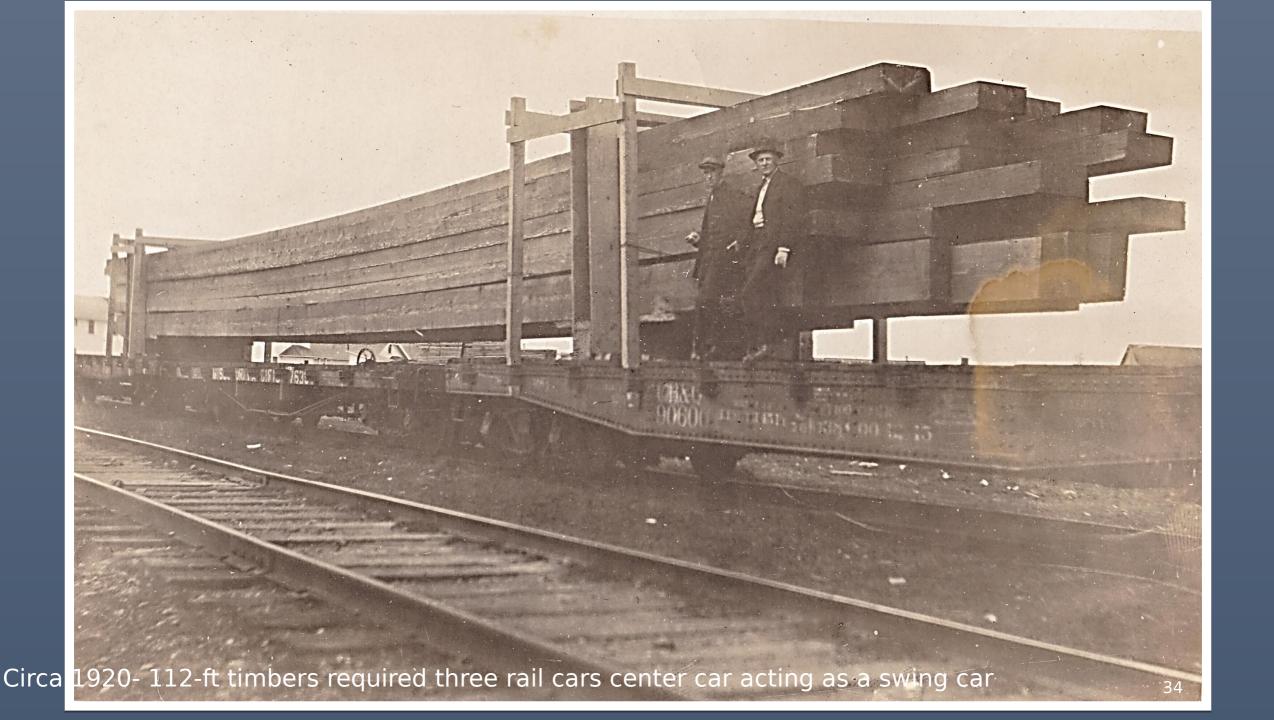
LUMBER



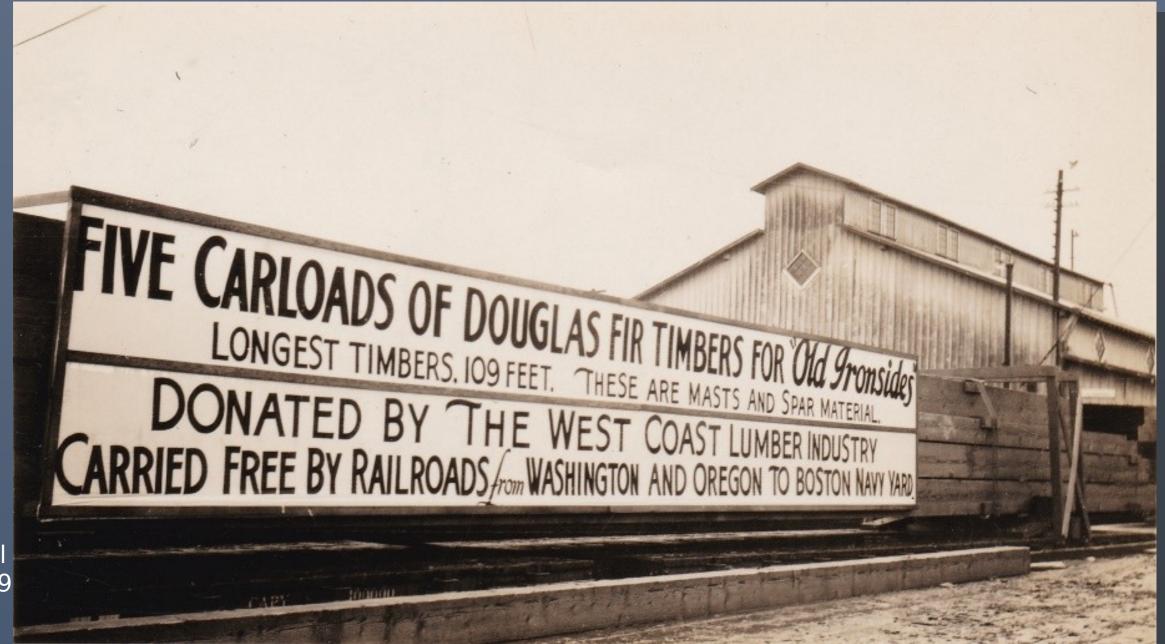
LATH

Mills: Westport, Oregon Sales Office: 1406 Northwestern Portland, Oregon

1920- "Home of the Big Sticks"







April 1929



Myron Chester Woodard

10 year old Felker Morris



February 1944

Select plants that excelled in war production.

Mills considered strategic to war effor

Deferments
WW I spruce
keels mine sweepers
timber docks bridges
Bradwood Navy Hse
Willard's-Valauris
Other picket boats
Civil Defense warden
Finland – South Africa



Westport's "E" pennant held aloft by Lester Harding, general manager, on extreme left, and Lawrence J. Culbertson, president IWA 5-2523, at right. In the center are Col. Ralph A. Tudor, C. E. district engineer, Merle R. Chessman, master of ceremonies, state highway commissioner and publisher Astoria-Budget, and Lt. Com. H. N. Anderson, U.S.N.R., in charge of branch lumber procurement office, Portland.

Harding to Columbia Hudson in'45 when Shepard & Morris purchased the Westport Mill









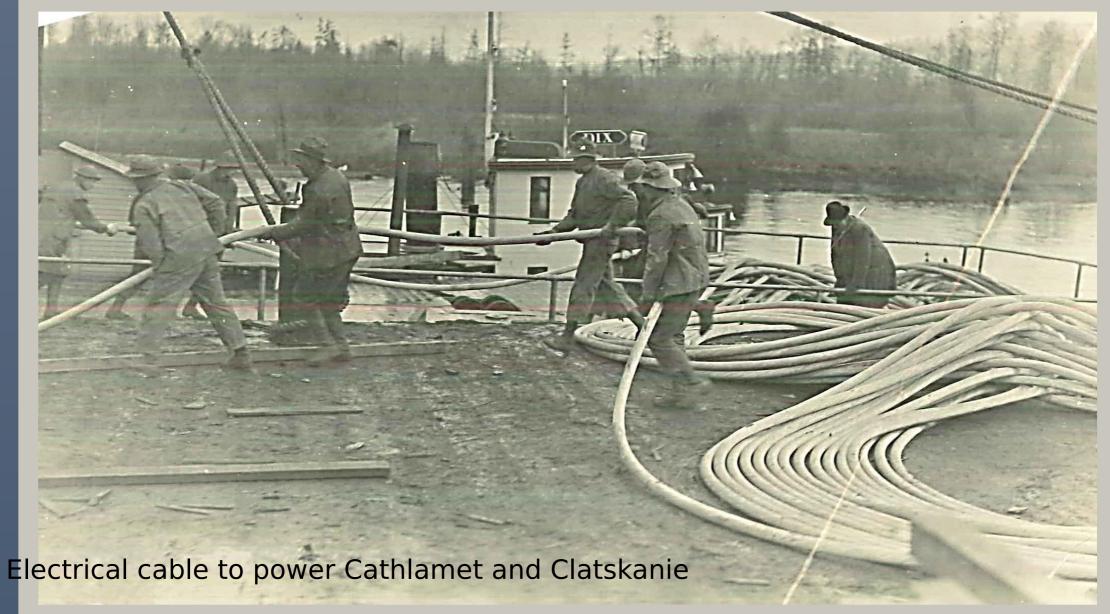
Shasta



(mill 8 stacks)



e Willamette - hired so as to retain a min. 20ft. draft from the mouth of slough to the east end of the shipp







Circa 1910

Columbia
Valley Lumber
Clark & Robinson

1912 \$80k Portland Clatskani



Crossett Western Lumber Co.-division of Crossett-Watzek-Gates Industries -Chicago

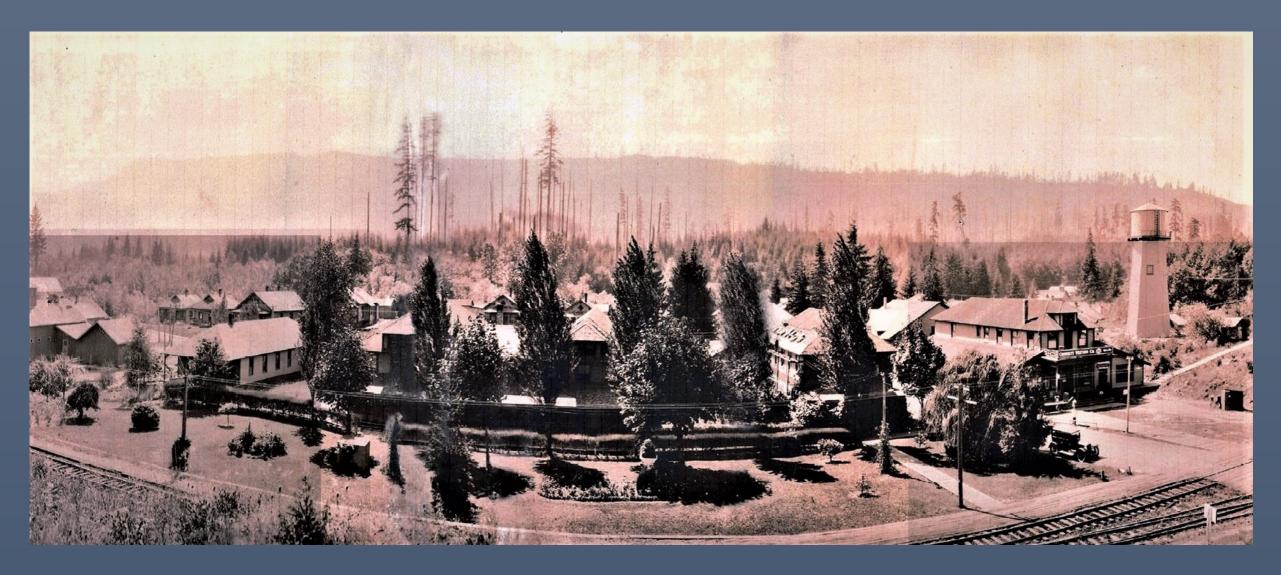


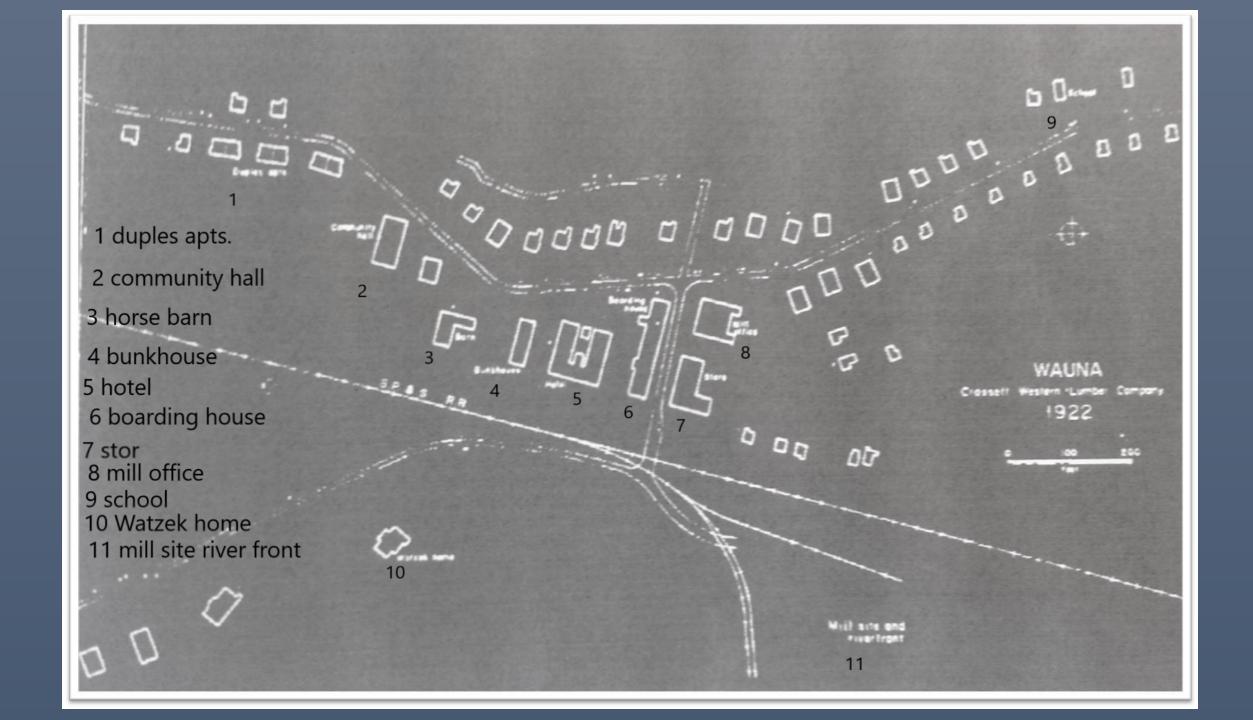
CARD 58

Circa 1915



June 1921









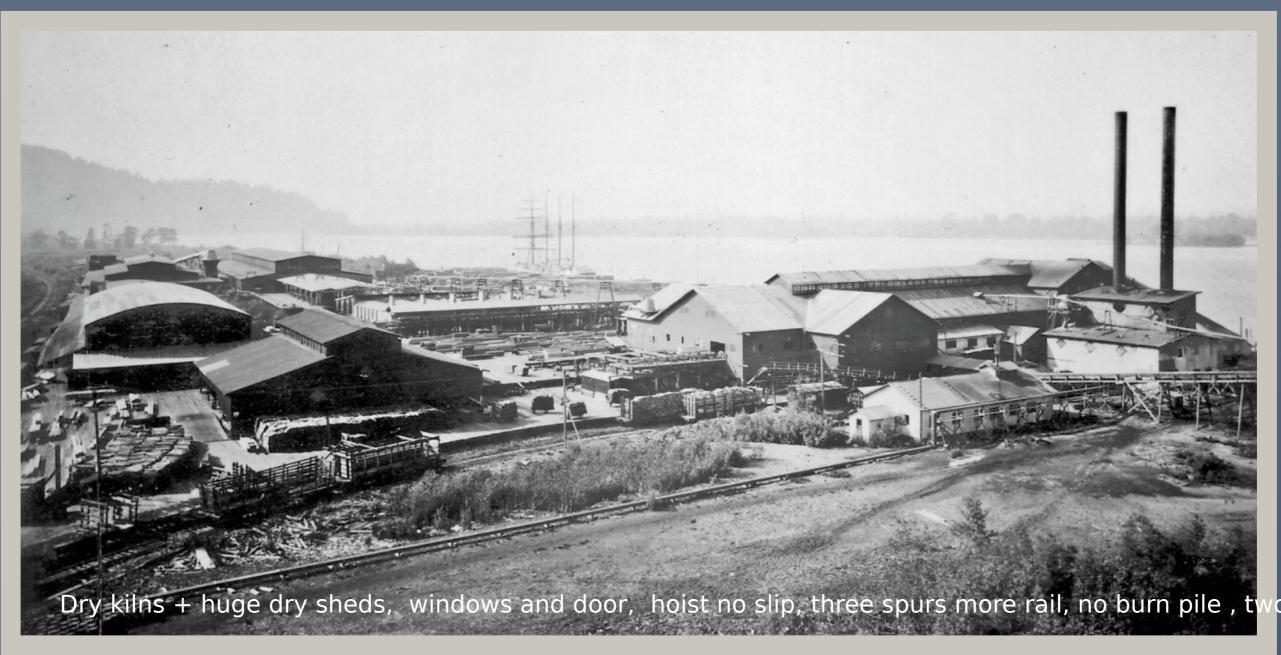














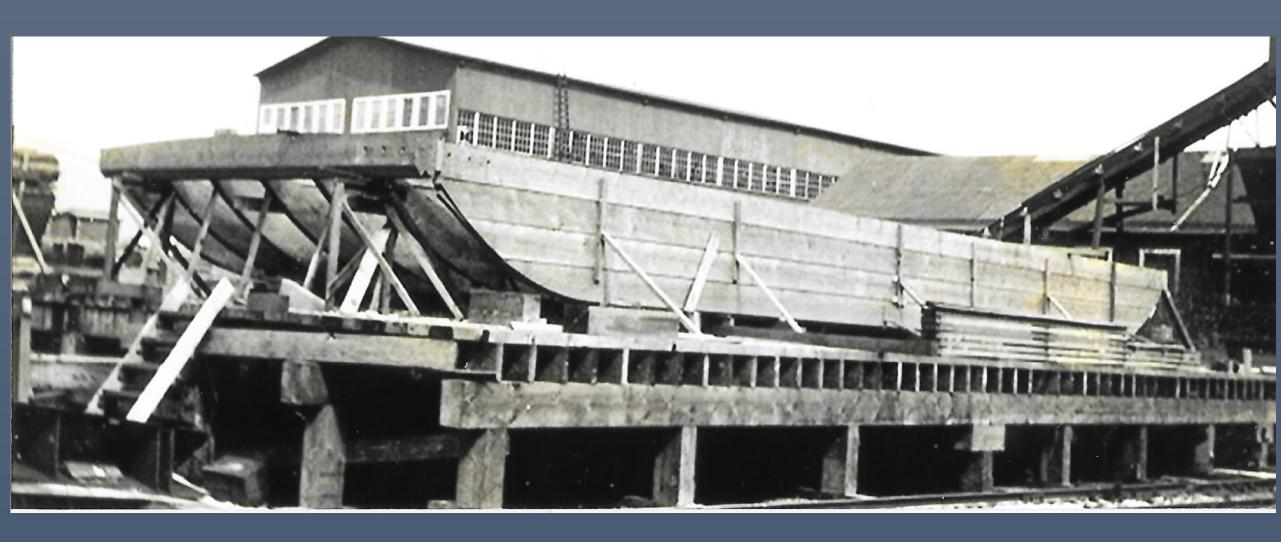




July 1955

Guy Phillips testing logs in the 65' processing chamber these logs to be used for building the replica of Fort Clatsop





February 16, 1944

*N*auna Lumber Co

Willard Evenson

Col. Tudor Lt. Col. Anderson Burkhart IWA Chessman Astorian Wilson IWA



Wauna Lumber Co pur. 1941 \$150,000



Closed June 1958

1962 Cerro Corp backs out and Zellerbach steps ir

Crown James River Fort Howard Fort James Georgia -Pacific Koch Industries



1964. Crown Zellerbach Corporation's wrecking crew tearing down the Wauna Lumber Company's mill office. The company store is behind and the manager's house in the background on the treed knoll. The entire mill and town were leveled to make room for Crown's new paper mill.



1965. Roughly 65 years after the birth of the company town of Wauna, the sprawling Crown Zellerbach pulp and paper mill occupies the site of Wauna.



1964. Crown Zellerbach commences construction of their new pulp and paper manufacturing plant at Wauna. The plant opened in 1965.



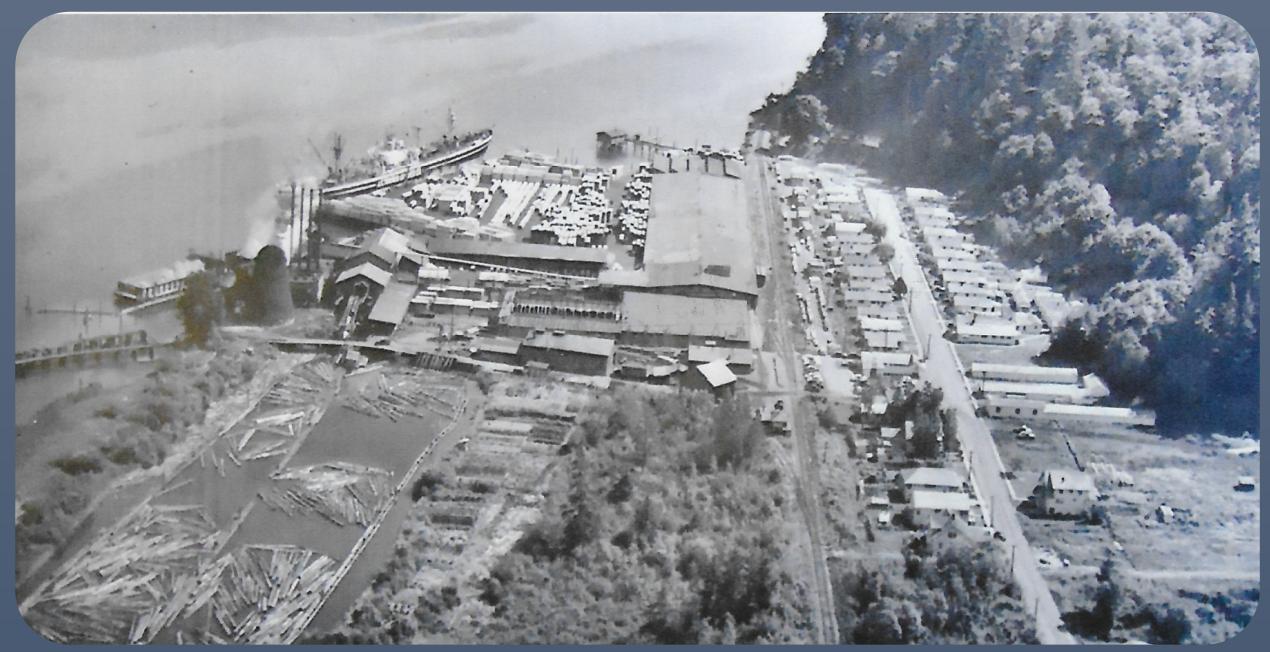
Bradley Family Walter Woodard 10% sales 6 years

Designed for Hemlock & Silver Fir

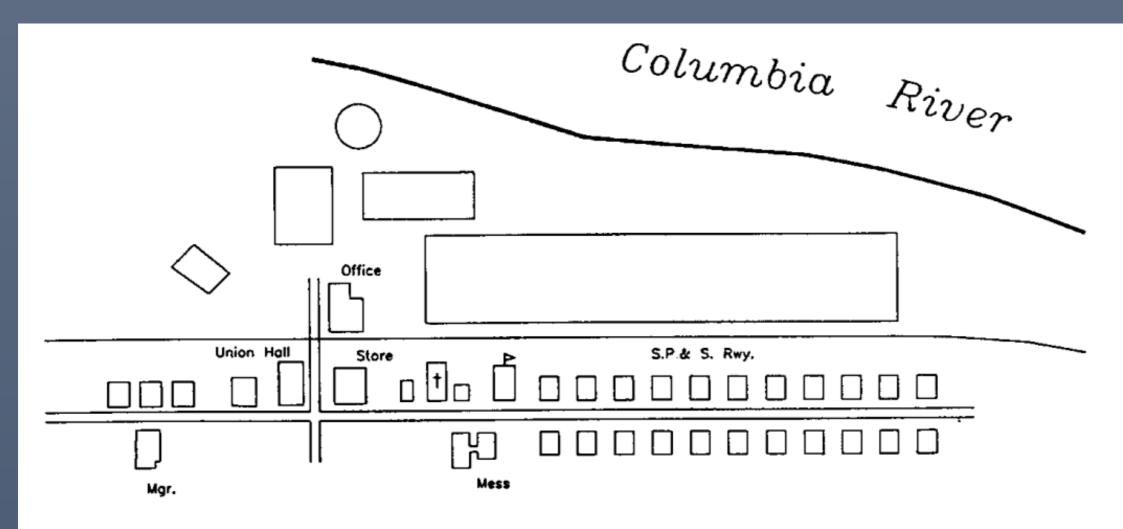
32 year run







55 Columbia-Hudson Mill- J.C. Turner Lumber Co bought the Bradley-Woodard L umber Co. in 1946



The Bradwood town plat in 1965.

Winter 1949

Main St. 23 homes





Knappa

1911 purchased 250 acres town site Laura Campbel \$25,000

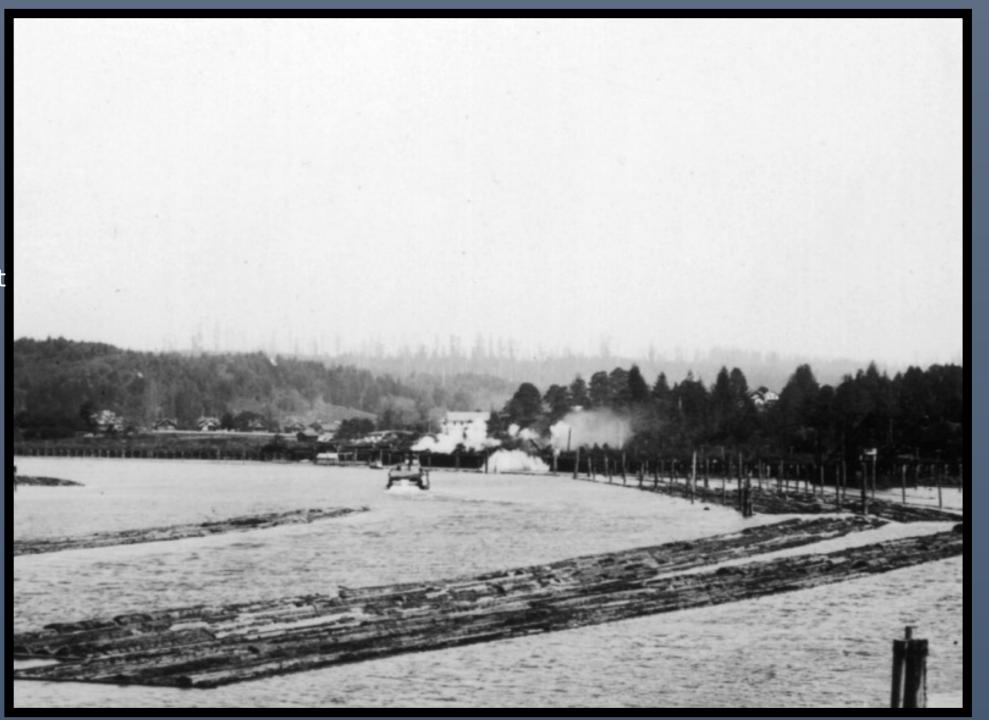
Build mill there

Bank formed by Crossett Timber Charles Watzek a director



Circa 1915

Big Creek Logging Co. log dump at Knappa



Biggest logging show in Clatso County history

1918

Headquarters Camp

Big Creek
Logging Co.
division of
Crossett Timber



Circa 1920

Big Creek Camp #6

Shay gear drive

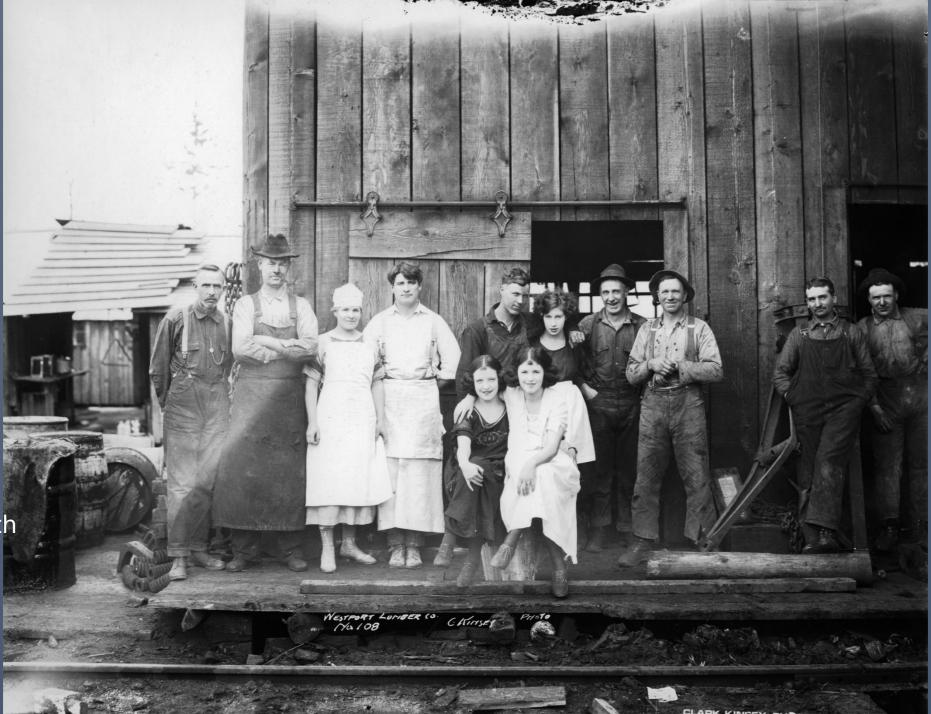
Good day 300,000 Board feet of timber a day

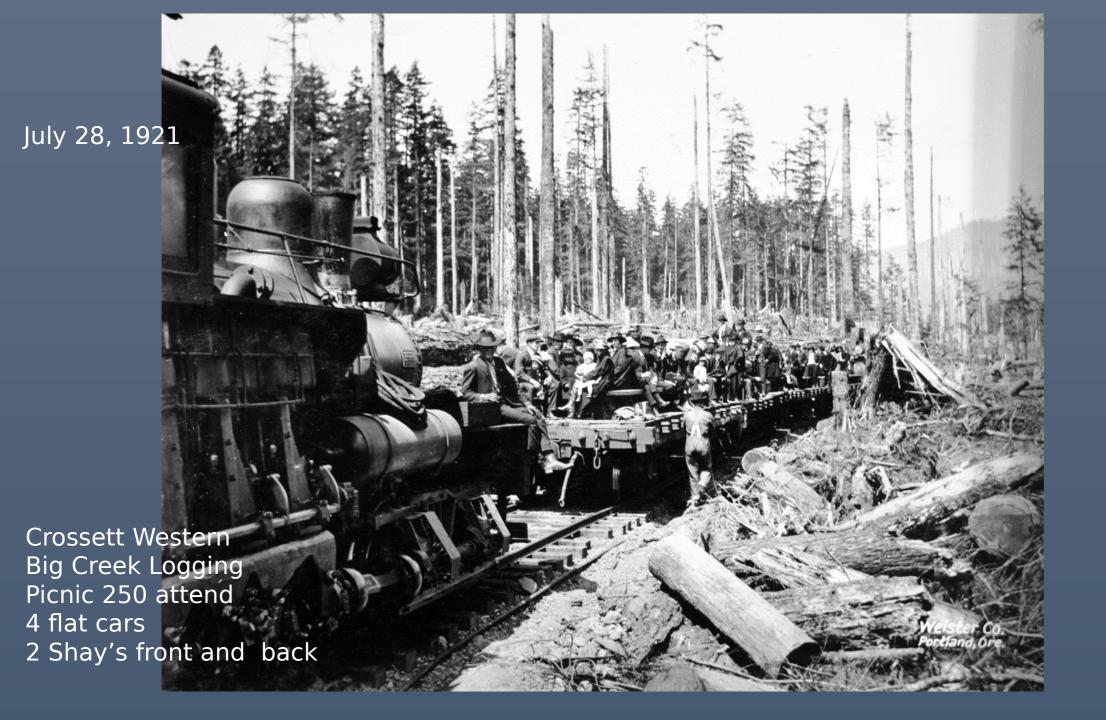
> Peak employed 400 men

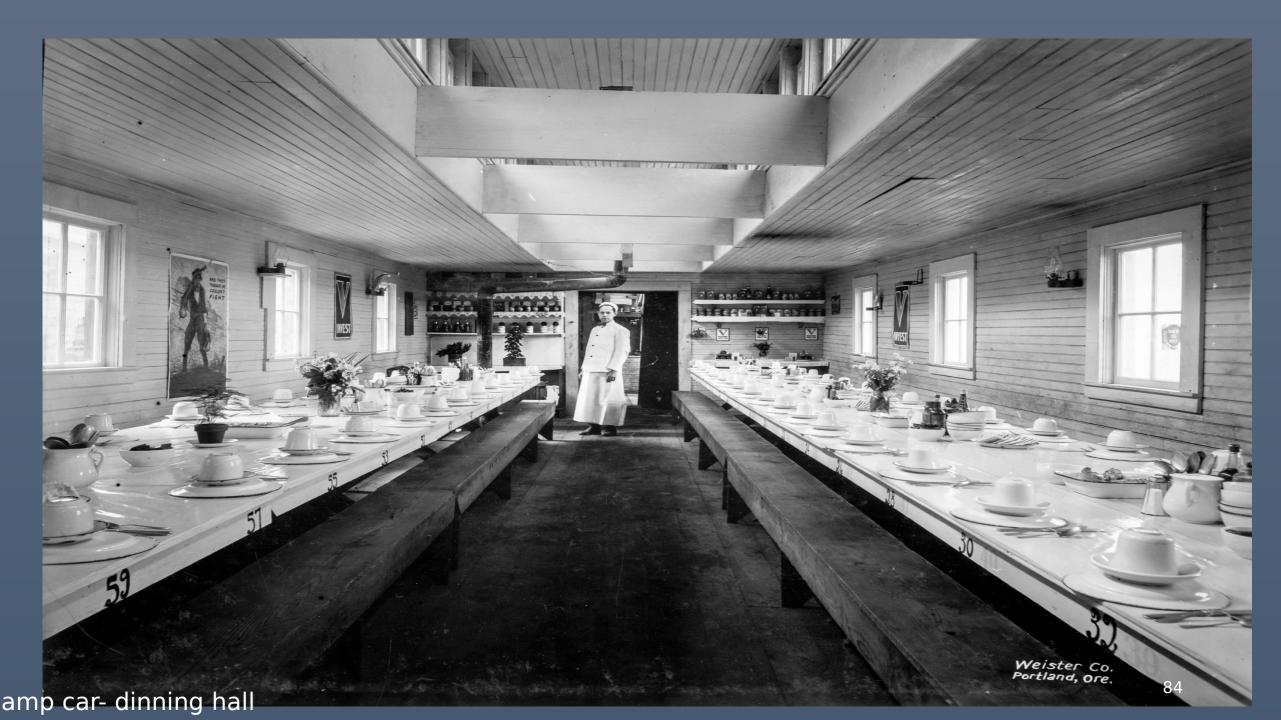


Westport Circa 1900

Blacksmith Cook Flunkies





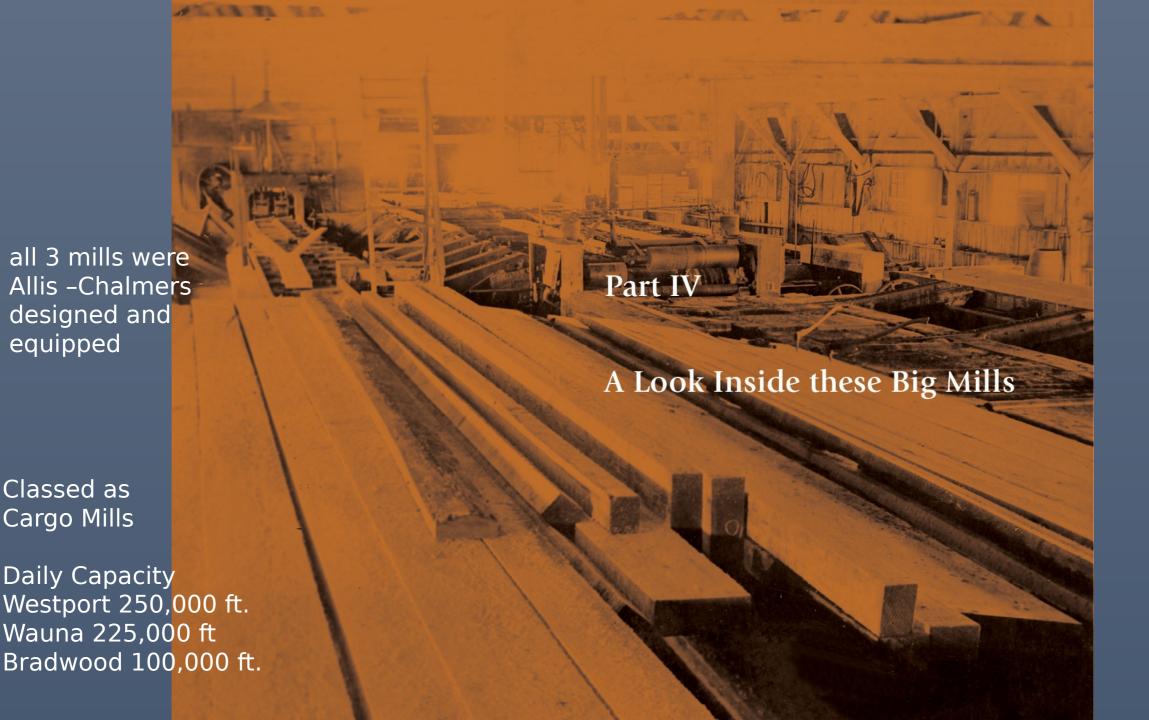


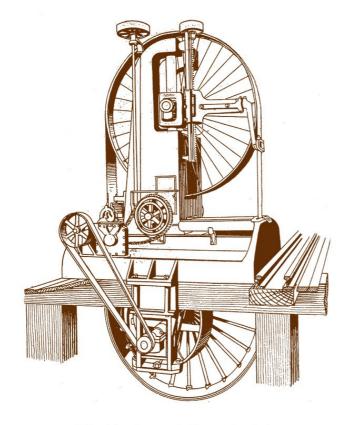












Left-handed single-cutting headsaw, 10-foot wheel.

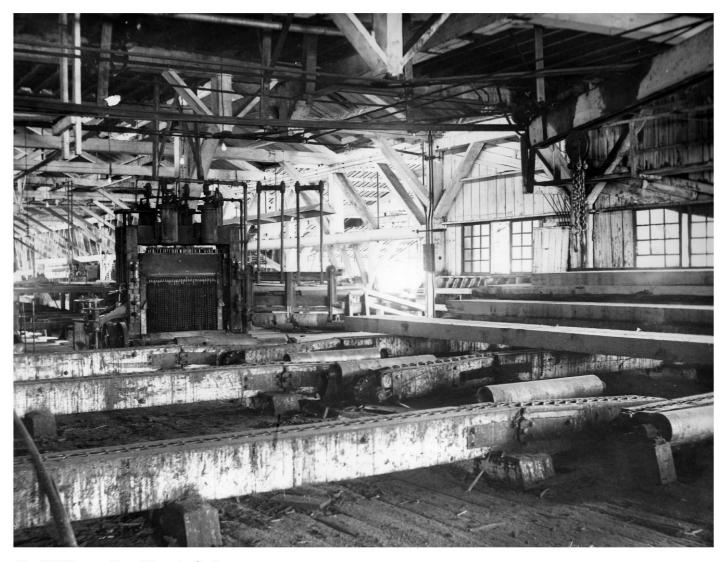


1956. Headrig of the Shepard & Morse Lumber Company mill at Westport.

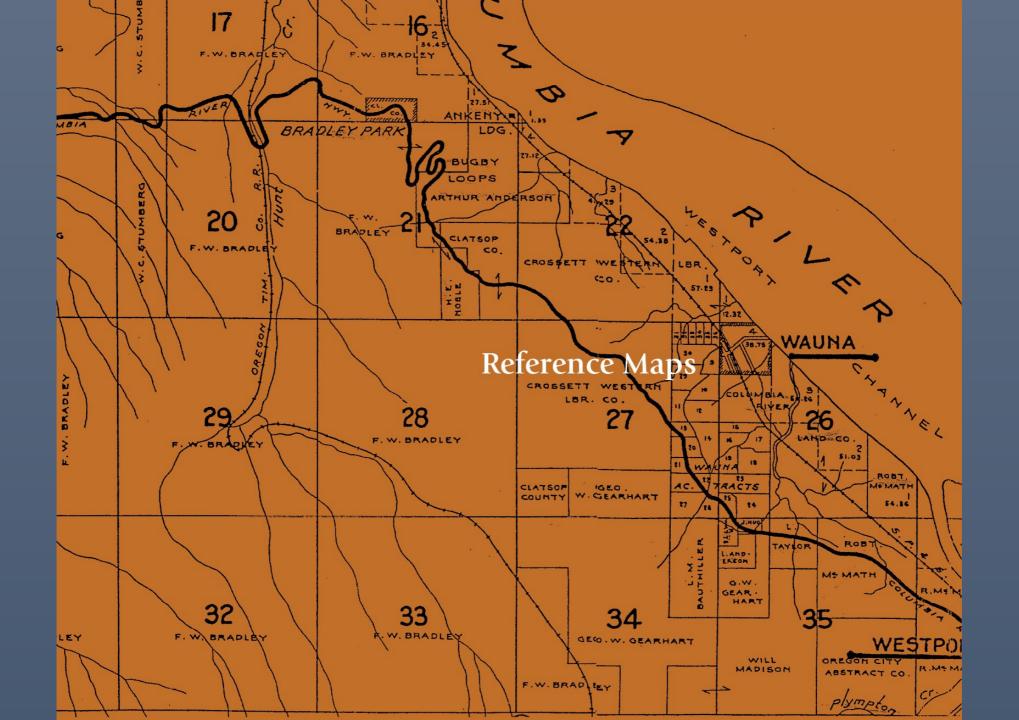


Circa 1917. Sharpening the teeth on a 10-foot single-sided band saw, filing room of the Crossett Western Lumber Company.

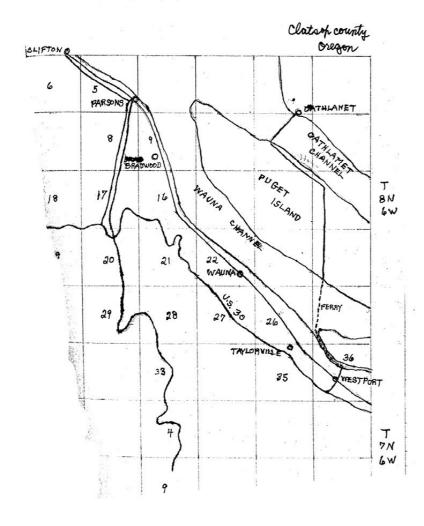




Circa 1917. Gang saw, Crossett Western Lumber Company.



Oregon Dimber and Lumber Company



Logging railroad map showing Parsons and Bradwood locations. By John T. Labbe.

Initially these little river towns' sole connection to the outside world was via the river. In the late 1890s, the railroad made their connections and by the end of WWI, the lower Columbia River highway was completed.

Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway Company - SP & S RY

Stops in circa 1912 heading west from Clatskanie to Knappa

Clatskanie

Palm

Marshland

Woodson

(K-P Timber Company) Kerry

(The Wesport Lumber Company) Westport (Crossett Western Lumber Company) Wauna

Bradwood

Parsons Clifton

Aldrich Point

Brownsmead **Blind Slough**

Knappa

